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Copies of the listed documents, including any copending patent applications, are attached.

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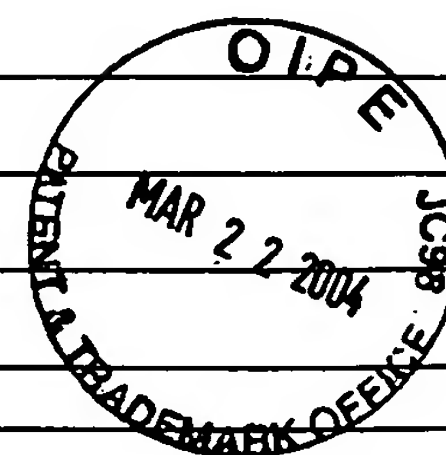
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